UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

HILDA L. SOLIS, Secretary of Labor,)
U. S. Department of Labor,)
Plaintiff, v.)) Cause No. 4:10-cv-5170
TMIRS ENTERPRISES, LTD., d/b/a TAX MASTERS))
and)
PATRICK R. COX, individually,)
Defendants.	,)

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Plaintiff has filed her complaint and Defendants, without admitting they have violated any provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, have agreed to the entry of judgment without contest. It is, therefore, upon motion of the Plaintiff and for cause shown,

ORDERED that Defendants TMIRS Enterprises, Ltd. and Patrick R. Cox, their officers, agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with them be permanently enjoined from violating the provisions of sections 7, 11(c), 15(a)(2) and 15(a)(5) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C.§ 201, et seq., hereinafter referred to as the Act, in any of the following manners:

1. Defendants shall not, contrary to sections 7 and 15(a)(2) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 207 and 215(a)(2) employ any employee in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, within the meaning of the Act, for workweeks longer than forty (40) hours, unless the employee receives compensation

for his or her employment in excess of forty (40) hours at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he or she is employed.

2. Defendants shall not, contrary to Sections 11(c) and 15(a)(5) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 211(c) and 215(a)(5), fail to make, keep and preserve accurate records of the persons employed by them, and the wages paid, hours worked and other conditions and practices of employment prescribed by regulations issued by the Administrator of the Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor (29 C.F.R. Part 516).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are to pay overtime in the amount of \$433,712.69, plus interest computed at the rate of one (1) percent, which is due to Defendants' employees named in Exhibit "A" for the period July 14, 2007 through June 12, 2010. Defendants shall pay this amount pursuant to and in compliance with the express terms of the Installment Agreement, executed by the parties on December 9, 2010, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Plaintiff shall make appropriate distribution to the employees, or their estate if necessary, less income tax and social security deductions. In the event that any of the money cannot be distributed and paid by Plaintiff within three (3) years because of inability to locate the proper persons or because of their refusal to accept, the money shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States.

In the event of default by Defendants, the total balance shall then become due and interest shall be assessed against the unpaid balance at the rate provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1961 from the date of this judgment until the total amount is paid in full.

The right of Defendants' employees not specifically named in Exhibit "A" to bring an action under Section 16(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), shall be restored and

neither the filing of this action nor the entry of this judgment shall bar an action, and the statute of limitations in such action shall be deemed tolled from July 14, 2007 through June 12, 2010. The parties agree the filing of this action and provisions of this judgment shall not be interpreted to prejudice or preclude the rights of the Secretary of Labor, or any employees of Defendants, in any action filed by the Secretary of Labor, or by an employee, under the Act covering violations alleged to have occurred after June 12, 2010.

Each party agrees to bear his or her own attorneys' fees, costs and other expenses in connection with any stage of this proceeding, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees which may be available under the Equal Access to Justice Act, as amended.

Dated this day , 2011.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Defendants consent to entry of this judgment:

Plaintiff moves for entry of this judgment:

TMIRS ENTERPRISES, LTD., d/b/a TAX MASTERS

M. PATRICIA SMITH Solicitor of Labor

s/ Scott Newar

JAMES E. CULP Regional Solicitor

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EXHIBIT A

1.	Adams, John Houston,	47.	El Amin, Rasheed
2.	Adams, Robert	48.	Evans, Lisa
3.	Adams, Steven	49.	Fatty, Bubacarr
<i>3</i> . 4.	Anderson Miller, Renee	50.	Fonseca, Arturo
5.	Arastu, Teresa	51.	Freedman, Tom
<i>5</i> . 6.	Arline, James	52.	Gamache, Phillip
7.	Ashie, Roark	53.	Gardner, Ralph
7. 8.	Askew, Michael	54.	Givens, Damaris
o. 9.	Autrey, Joseph	55.	Gonzalez, Yvette
9. 10.	Banks, Deekeisha	56.	Gordon, Brian
10. 11.	Bartholomew, Nicole	57.	Goyen, Robert
11. 12.	Barton, Michael	58.	Grady, Pamward
12. 13.	Bath, Rachel	59.	Greaves, Tyrone
13. 14.	Beadle, Jawara	60.	Grigsby, Donetrica
1 4 . 15.		61.	Guardiola, Carlos
15. 16.	Bealer III, Laurence Bean, Darren	62.	Hamilton, Amber
		63.	Hamilton, Lori
17. 18.	Beard, Oscar	64.	Hamilton, Rachel
16. 19.	Beasley, Charles	65.	Hamilton, Samuel
	Bernstien, Emmanuel	66.	Harris, Kiana
20. 21.	Beverly, Nathaniel	67.	Harrison, De"ick
	Bishop, William	68.	Harrison, Latoya
22.	Bland, David	69.	Hayes, Christal
23.	Blaschke, Keith	70.	Hightower, Alvina
24.	Bolerjack, Marinela	70. 71.	Hill, Felecia
25.	Bowman, Brandy	71. 72.	Hinojosa, Luis
26.	Boyd, Celestine	72. 73.	Hunter, Antoinette
27.	Brisebois Mark	73. 74.	Hunter, Delmer
28.	Burns, Linda	75.	Hurrington, Norman
29.	Cabaj, David	76.	Hyde, Kevin
30. 31.	Cabaj, George	70. 77.	Jackson, Kendrick
32.	Caesar, Tiffany Caldwell, Martha	78.	Jackson, Michael
32. 33.		79.	Jacobs, Tiffany
	Campbell, Loretta Campbell, Tiffany	80.	James, Gregory
34. 35.	Catchings, Harvey	81.	Johnson, Keith
36.	Cedillo, Octavio	82.	Johnson, Melody
30. 37.	Cisnerors, David	83.	Johnson, Paulette
37. 38.		84.	Johnson, Toddrick
39.	Cooper, Anthony	85.	Johnson, Warren
39. 40.	Copeland, Tony	86.	Jones, Bianca
40. 41.	Cox, Casey	87.	Julian, LaTonya
41. 42.	Craig, La'Keisha	88.	King, Keandra
42. 43.	Cushinberry, Candis Dingle, Kenneth	89.	King, Kenitra
43. 44.	Dolley, Terence	90.	Kizilbash, Najam
44. 45.	Durrett, Otis	91.	Laurier, Kurt
45. 46.	Earl, Kristeena	92.	Lawson, James
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93. Lee, Thomas 94. Long, Jeremy 95. Lozano, Lucy Lynch, Jermaine 96. Maciel, Christian 97. 98. Martin, Juanita 99. Mashiri, Lawson Mashongamhende, Obediah 100. Matus, Shannon 101. 102. Mayberry, Rodney McCallister, Corv 103. McCullough, George 104. 105. McDonald, Lester Mejia, Rocio 106. Mintzer, Martin 107. Morales, Andrew 108. 109. Morales, Ester Morehead, Adele 110. Morgan, Cecil 111. 112. Nesbitt, Terence Nichols, Nikita 113. 114. Ogene, Julius Orion, Demethra 115. 116. Otems Raymond, 117. Palacios, Donald Palacios, Samuel 118. Parker, Kimberly 119. 120. Partridge, Colin 121. Patel, Sapna 122. Perry, Michele 123. Pesquera, David 124. Phillips, James 125. Pichon, Garrett Pratt, Kenneth 126. 127. Provost, Lance 128. Purdy, James 129. Ray, Tremaine

Richards, Brian

Rodriguez, Alex

Sandoval, Gabriela

Ruiz, Antonio

Sage, Ronald Salazar, Armando

Schrei, Leon

Ridgeway, Vickie Ann

Rodriguez, Alejandro

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Scott, Margie 139. 140. Smith, Michael Smith, Tyrone 141. 142. Sorell, Janabeth South, Paul 143. 144. Stanfill, Marcus Staples, Christy 145. 146. Steele, Dexter Stein, Christina 147. 148. Stewart, Cowana 149. Sutten, Grover 150. Sutton, Grover 151. Swinford, Tena 152. Tan, Edward Tannery, Michael 153. Thacker, John 154. 155. Thomas, Sheila 156. Thompson, Tommy 157. Tollett, Jayme 158. Troung, Jasmine 159. Twyman, Marc Uwadiae, Noah 160. Venegas, Celsa 161. Vining, Stephen 162. Walker, Angela 163. Walker, Latanya 164. Waller, Quincy 165. Warren, Jodie 166. Welder, David 167. West, Johnathan 168. 169. Wheaton, Natasha Williams, Adriane 170. Williams, Barbara 171. Williams, Dottie 172. Williams, Durwyn 173. 174. Williams, Evelyn 175. Williams, Kenon 176. Wooten, Gary 177. Wynn, Adrian 178. Youngblood, Andrew

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: Tax Masters

BACK WAGE COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into 12/08/2010 by and between the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary"), and Tax Masters (hereinafter referred to as "the employer").

The Secretary, through Investigator Callihan of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, conducted an investigation of the employer's business under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The main office of the employer is located at 900 Town & Country Lane, Suite 400, Houston TX 77024. The investigation covered the employer's operations from 10/07/2006 to 10/25/2009.

As a result of that investigation monetary violations were found resulting in 178 employee(s) due back wages in the amount of \$433,712.69.

In order to resolve this matter, the parties to this Agreement stipulate and agree to the following:

- 1. The employer represents that it is presently in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and will continue to comply therewith in the future.
- 2. The employer agrees to pay the back wages due the employees in question in the amounts shown for the periods indicated on the Summary of Unpaid Wages and the Listing of Payments by Employee both of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof. Plaintiff has filed her complaint and Defendants, without admitting they have violated any provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, have agreed to the entry of judgment without contest.
- 3. Tax Masters agrees to pay directly to the employees the amounts due (less legal payroll deductions) on or before each payment date set forth in the Schedule of Payments below and to deliver to the Secretary's representative by the 8th of each month evidence of payment including any signed WH-58 receipt forms the employer has received at that time.

Amounts and payment due dates under the Installment Agreement are set forth in the Schedule of Payments below:

Initial Payment: \$50,000.00

Payment No. Date Due Amount Due Interest Due Total Due

1 01/08/2011 \$47,824.37 \$319.76 \$48,144.13

2 02/08/2011 \$47,864.22 \$279.91 \$48,144.13

3 03/08/2011 \$47,904.11 \$240.02 \$48,144.13

4 04/08/2011 \$47,944.03 \$200.10 \$48,144.13

5 05/08/2011 \$47,983.98 \$160.15 \$48,144.13

6 06/08/2011 \$48,023.97 \$120.16 \$48,144.13

7 07/08/2011 \$48,063.99 \$80.14 \$48,144.13

8 08/08/2011 \$48,104.02 \$40.09 \$48,144.11

Payment No. Date Due Amount Due Interest Due Total Due

Totals: \$383,712.69 \$1,440.33 \$385,153.02

- 4. The employer has the right to prepay the installment agreement in part or in full at any time without penalty. The employer also has the right to make additional payments towards the principal on any installment due date, but if the employer exercises this privilege, it will not excuse payments due in subsequent months.
- 5. Should the employer fail to make any agreed payment as scheduled, the entire unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable, together with such additional collection and court costs as may be incurred by the U.S. Department of Labor in pursuing collection.
- 6. The employer agrees to provide the Secretary's representative with a listing of all unlocated employees, their last known address, social security number (if possible), and their gross and net amounts due as soon as the employer determines that they are unable to locate an employee due back wages, but no later than 30 days from the employer's initial attempt to pay that employee. The District Office will notify the employer when a person has been located to issue a check. The employer should indicate what means were used to attempt to locate the employee.
- 7. In the event that any employees cannot be located, or refuse to accept the back wages, the employer agrees to deliver to the Secretary's representative a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Wage and Hour Division Labor" to cover the total net due all such employees on or before 11/06/2011. After three years, any monies which have not been distributed because of inability to locate the proper persons or because of their refusal to accept payment shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.
- 8. The employer agrees to provide the Secretary's representative no later than 11/06/2011 any remaining signed WH-58 receipt forms not yet provided to Wage and Hour or a canceled check (or some reasonable facsimile) for every person the employer has paid per this agreement.
- 9. The employer hereby waives all rights and defenses which may be available by virtue of statute of limitations, including but not limited to section 6 of the Portal-to-Portal Act (29 U.S.C. 255).
- This debt is subject to the assessment of interest, administrative cost charges and penalties in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and departmental policies. Interest will be assessed at the Treasury Tax and loan account rate on any principal that becomes delinquent. This rate is currently 1.0 %. Administrative cost charges will be assessed to help defray the Government's cost. A penalty at the rate of 6.0 % will be assessed on any portion of the debt remaining delinquent for more than 90 days.
- In the event of default, the Department intends to pursue additional collection action that may include, but is not limited to, administrative offset, referral of the account to credit reporting agencies, private collection agencies, and/or the Department of Justice.
- 12. Any rights to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreement are hereby waived.
- 13. By entering into this agreement, the Wage Hour Division does not waive its right to conduct future investigations under the Fair Labor Standards Act and to take appropriate enforcement action, including assessment of civil money penalties, with respect to any violations disclosed by such investigations.

Approved by the following parties:

Tax Masters UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BY ITS OFFICER WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

For TMIRS Enterprises ltd by Patrick Cox its President